Professor Bryce's "American Commonwealth" ha reached its forty-sixth thousand, and the third edition now issued by Macmillan & Co. has been revised by the author, who acknowledges help from a large number of American scholars and politicisms, who have become interested in the work since its first

Cassell's New Biographical Dictionary appears in a form revised down to the close of 1892. For example the death of Renan and Lord Tennyson, which occurred last year, is recorded. Of course the articles are necessarily very brief, but the most strik ing fact about a given man or woman is apt to be mentioned; for example, Mr. Huxley's invention of the term "agnostic." But it is singular that Lamar's me term "agnostic." But it is submini-membership in the Supreme Court of the United States severlooked. Nor is there under the narries of either General Harrison or Mr. Cleveland any indication o the result of the Fresidential election of last year. The return of Mr. Gladstone to power, however, is properly noted.

Those who love whist-the number does no to be falling off-and are therefore interested in the literature of the game will find many of the essays that have charmed them collected in a volume of "The Knickerbocker Nugget Series." The pieces are historical, scientific, fanciful or humorous, and may be trusted to please even those who care nothing for

"The Best Letters of William Cowper" (A. C. Mc-Clurg & Co.) have been chosen by the editor, Anna B. McMahan, apparently with a view to give a biography f the poet in his own words. In the introduction a rief review is given of the various efforts to write the life of Cowper, and some needful information about correspondents. Cowper's letters are of peculiar value as the revelations of himself. His study of nature was not more accurate in his poems than his of his own mind in his correspondence. But was almost as incapable in criticism as in public affairs. His strange notions about the American are pointed out by the editor. An instance of his defects as a critic is his remark after reading Burns's poems: "It will be a pity if he should not hereafter divest himself of barbarism and content himself with writing pure English, in which he ap Pears perfectly qualified to excel."

A. C. McClurg & Co. have added "Paradise Lost"

to the series rather functifully entitled "Laurel-Crowned Verse," edited by Francis F. Browne.

Those who love the "Reveries of a Bachelor" will read with sympathy Mr. Mitchell's preface to the new gewood Edition (Charles Scribner's Sons), for ther Is much of the fine sentiment and tenderness of the everies" in it. The author loves this book of his youth in spite of the fact that he cannot give a it that is quite satisfactory to his maturer Readers young and old will thank him for not having revised too anxiously the little book, and readers have some rights. The individuality, one ight almost say the personality, of a book cannot be subjected indifferently to change. For good or ill, it has become what it is. There is also a new preface to "Dream Life." In both cases the author some entertaining reminiscences of the origin and history of these two companionable volumes

#### A RAID ON AN ALLEGED "BUCKET SHOP."

THE POLICE ARRAIGN G. W. RUMBLE ON THE CHARGE OF VIOLATING THE GAMBLING LAWS, Inspector McLaughlin and his detectives made raid on an aileged "bucket shop" at No. 40 New-st. yesterday, and confiscated three phonographs and \$814 in money. Four prisoners were arrested, one of whom was George W. Rumble, the proprietor of the place. The others were Charles Matthews, twenty years old, of No. 260 West Nineteenth-st.. the cashier; Monroe Williams, fifty, of No. 52 University Place, and Frank Cole, twenty-nine, of No. 49 State-st., Brooklyn. Superintendent Byrnes has received several com-

plaints lately from brokers in the neighborhood of Rumble's place. Last week he issued orders to Inspector McLaughlin to brestigate the charges. Detectives Chart and Rogers paid a visit to the place and learned that Rumble dealt in only four alleged "Alpina, York Orange and Maple mining the shop was a large blackboard upon which prices were quoted. eccived from phonographs, of which there were three in the room. The two detectives also say that Rumble would sit in the back room during business nours, "shout quotations into a cylinder and change them to suit himself."

Yesterday the two detectives bought two shares o Orange stock, quoted at 97. A few minutes later a new cylinder was brought from the back room, and the stock by this time had fallen to 96. Mr. Rumble, who then appeared, announced, it is alleged, to Rogers, who held the stock, that by a sudden decline he had been "wiped out." This transaction was reported to the Inspector, and

the fild followed. In the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday afternoon, Rumble and Matthews were held in default of \$1,000 bail for examination,

were need in definit of \$1,000 can for examination, charged with violating the gambling law. Williams and Cole were discharged.

Two years ago Rumble was arrested on a sinsilar charge while conducting a place at No. 51 New-st. Rumble declared in court vesterday that the four mining stocks were in actual existence, and that he bimself owned the mines.

### BUSINESS CARES DROVE HIM TO DEATH.

THE PROPRIETOR OF "THE PICKWICK" KILLED HIMSELF IN HIS BATHTUB.

Business troubles were said to have caused the suicide of William Koch, proprietor of The Pickwick, a liquor store at No. 1,235 Broadway, yesterday. was thirty-eight years old and unmarried, and had carried on the business of seiling liquor in the place in Broadway for six years. He also had a liquor store at No. 84 Broadway, and was reputed to be well off. He had private rooms for his own use in the rear of The Pickwick, which is next door to the Bijou Theatre. On Sunday he had a party of friends in the liquor store and seemed to be in high spirits. With some of his friends he laid wagers on the Brooklyn Handicap, which was run yesterday, and all thoughts of death seemed to be far from him. He was in financial trouble at the time, however, and was in mancial trouble was considering the advisability of making an assignment. At noon yesterday his dead body was found in a bath-tub in the rear of the liquor store. He had cut the veins in his wrists with a penknife and had bled to death. He also had let the water run into the tub, probably thinking that he would be drowned

if he did not die from loss of blood.

On Saturday he had called on his lawyer, M.
Jacobs, at No. 335 Broadway, and had sold that his affairs had become so tangled that he would be forced to make an assignment. His creditors, including some personal friends from whom he had borrowed money. had been bothering and "dunning" him until he could stand it no longer, he said. He asked the advice of the lawyer about making an assignment, and made an appointment to be at the lawyer's office again at 11 a. m. yesterday. He failed to keep the appointment, and at that hour he drank a cocktail in his liquor store at No. 1,235 Broadway, and told the barkeeper that he was going to take a bath. He went into the bathroom in the rear of the store and was not again seen alive. About noon Mr. Jacobs went to the liquor store to inquire why Koch had failed to call upon him. William McKinney, a porter, knocked at the door of the bathroom and could get no answer. He then forced an entrance to the room and found Koch's body in the bath-tub. Mr. Jacobs informed the police of the suicide later. He also took possession of his client's papers.

Koch's place was fitted up in lavish style and was resort for sporting men, with whom he was on their terms. Koch was well known in the neighborhood, and his suicide caused sarprise, as it was thought that he was making money at both of his Broadway stores. There was a report yesterday that he had lost much money larely at card tables and also had been speculating in Wall Street.

BUITS TO RECOVER ADDITIONAL DUTIES. The Custom House authorities have been working for some time on certain cases of undervaluation and fraudulent weights in importations of cheese, macaroni, figs and other products, and yesterday suits were begun against two firms of importers in the United States Courts. The suits are to recover the difference in the duties that ought to have been paid and the duties that were paid in consequence of the alleged undervaluations and the fraudulent weights.

The suits brought yesterday are against L. Jandolfi, of No. 121 South Fifth-ave., for \$25,000, and L. Balbi, for \$52,000. Two or three more suits will be brought in a day or two against other firms.

LEGISLATORS ADJOURN TO SEE A BALL GAME.

Boston, May 15.-The House met at 11 o'clock this morning, the purpose being to get through early to give members an opportunity to attend the opening game of the season at the Boston baseball grounds.

If. Crosby, of Worcester, immediately after the prayer, made a motion which, if adopted, would prevent adjournment until 4:30 p. m., and require a roll-call on all points of order of ne quorum. John Quinn. jr., of Boston, supported Mr. Crosby, saying it

NEWBOOKS AND NEW EDITIONS | were demanding a short session, to adjourn for a ball game, and moved a calling of the roll at 2 o'clock. Both motions were defeated by a large majority, and at 2:30 the House adjourned.

WHAT THE YACHTSMEN ARE DOING.

THE VOLUNTEER TO REMAIN A SCHOONER-

ARRIVAL OF THE CONQUEROR. are now fifty-five electric launches in this country. Most of them are in the West. The highest speed so far obtained from an electric launch is twelve knots an bour. The Astor launch makes from eight to nine miles an hour. The electric launches on the agoon at the World's Fair are run at a speed not exceeding six miles an hour.

About twenty tons of lead will be taken from the nside of the Navahoe and bolted to the bottom of her keel. This will, it is thought, better fit her for racing in English waters and English weather. If she were to race here, no alterations would be made, Mrs. Royal Phelps Carroll accompanied her husband in his daily visits to the Navahoe, and is as deeply interested as her husband in the success of the

It is now said that the schooner Volunteer will not be changed back into a sloop, as was reported. The rumor that her new owner was to make her once more a singlesticker was received with incredulity by yachismen from the first. When she was made over into a schooner her entire forward body was rebuilt, and if she were now made into a sloop she would have neither the lines nor the speed which she had when she defended the cup. Yacht designers on this side the water are of the

opinion that the strongest point of the Valkyrie will in windward work. They also are of the opinion that she will not prove so fast as the boats built to defend the Royal Victoria and the Cape May and Erenton's Reef cups.

The Prince of Wales's boat Britannia and the

Scotch syndicate boat Callana are to meet in the oming races of the Royal Thames Yacht Club at The new Gardner-Mosher high-speed steam yacht

ow at City Island will probably be ready for a preliminary speed trial on Saturday. Philip Ellsworth, the well-known designer, has designed a cabin cathoat with two centreboards for the

sons of his brother, Captain "Joe," the sailing master by whom New-York swears. That flourishing institution, the Columbia Yacht Club, opened the season at its clubhouse on the North River on Sunday with a planked shad din

The steam yacht Conqueror, with Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt on board, arrived at her anchorage off Stapleton early yesterday morning. she will return to Newport in a few weeks, when Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbill will open their house there for the summer. The Massachusetts Yacht Club opened its summer

clubhouse at Rowe's Wharf, Boston, last night. Music was furnished by the Boston Cadet Band, and supper

for its new clubhouse is in the "cove" on Echo Bay. New-Rochelle. The house will be opened on Memo-After many unsuccessful attempts the hull of the

ninken steam yacht Alva has been destroyed by dynamite. Two acres of water were lifted several ect in the air by the explosic:. E. R. Coleman, of Philadelphia, has chartered the sloop yacht Wasp, the victorious forty-six-footer of last year, from Archibald Rogers. Mr. Coleman will

race her this season. The steam yacht Vivienne has been sold by James D. Hutchinson to Robert D. Evans, of Boston.

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